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SUBJECT: SA FEARFUL OF GAULLIST DEFEAT IN FRENCH
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

IN PAST FEW YEARS SAG HAS DEEPLY APPRECIATED FRANCE'S
WILLINGNESS TO SELL ARMS TO SOUTH AFRICA AND TO MAINTAIN
RELATIVELY FRIENDLY RELATIONS. WITH DEATH OF PRESIDENT
POMPIMU AND RESULTANT FORTHCOMING PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION
IN FRANCE, SOUTH AFRICA IS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBILITY
OF DEFEAT OF GAULLIST CANDIDATE AND VICTORY OF FRANCOIS
MITTERAND AS SOCIALIST-COMMUNIST POPULAR FRONT CANDIDATE.
AS ONE COMMENTATOR HERE HAS PUT IT, "IF VOTERS OPT FOR A
POPULAR FRONT REGIME, FRANCO-SOUTH AFRICAN RELATIONS WILL
BE DESTROYED."
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